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SUBJECT: TIA SEEKS TO OPERATE 15 JAPAN -ORIGIN CHARTERS IN FEBRUARY-MARCH 1977

1. SUMMARY: TIA PLANS TO OPERATE 15 DC-10 CHARTERS TO HONOLULU IN FEBRUARY/MARCH AND IS SEEKING FULL JCAB APPROVAL OF BOTH FLIGHTS AND HANEDA TIME SLOTS BY DECEMBER 20 AT THE LATEST. END SUMMARY.

2. ON DECEMBER 2, TIA-TOKYO REP TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE PLANS TO DELIVER LETTER TO JCAB DECEMBER 6 STATING THAT TIA PLANS TO OPERATE 15 DC-10 JAPAN-ORIGIN CHARTERS FROM TOKYO TO HAWAII DURING FEBRUARY/MARCH 1977. IN LETTER, TIA REP WILL REQUEST MEETING WITH JCAB OFFICIAL SOONEST TO SECURE PERMISSION TO OPERATE FLIGHTS UNDER QUOTA (SINCE DC-10 COUNTS AS 1-1/2 FLIGHTS AGAINST QUOTA, PLANNED OPERATIONS WILL TAKE ALL 1977 1/3 JAPAN-ORIGIN ALLOCATION) AND TO SECURE PROMISE OF TIME SLOTS AT HANEDA. TIA REP SAID TOUR ORGANIZER, JAPAN TRAVEL BUREAU (JTB), WANTS ABSOLUTE ASSURANCE FROM TIA BY DECEMBER 20 THAT IT WILL BE ABLE TO OPERATE FLIGHTS.

3. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, FORMAL FILING WITH JCAB FOR HANEDA TIME SLOTS NORMALLY WOULD NOT BE DONE UNTIL 15TH DAY OF MONTH BEFORE PROPOSED FLIGHT OPERATION.
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OWING TO OBVIOUS NEED OF JTB TO KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN,

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TIA HAS DECIDED TO GO FOR SLOTS NOW.

4. TIA LOCAL REP SAID HE WOULD KEEP HIS HEAD OFFICE IN OAKLAND INFORMED AS HE WAS TOLD JAL HAD RECENTLY FILED REQUESTS TO OPERATE SOME OFF-ROUTE CHARTERS IN THE US AND TIA WOULD OPPOSE USCAB GRANTING PERMISSION UNLESS JCAB HERE TAKES FAVORABLE ACTION ON PROPOSED TIA CHARTERS.

5. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS NOT, AS YET, RECEIVED ANY INDICATION FROM GOJ RE LEVEL OF 1977 CHARTER QUOTA NOR HAVE WE ASKED FOR IT. EVEN BEYOND JCAB'S USUAL HESITANCY IN APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL OPERATIONS, WE BELIEVE THEY WILL BE RELUCTANT TO APPROVE PROGRAM UTILIZING ENTIRE GROUP OF JAPAN-ORIGIN FLIGHTS BY ONE CARRIER WITHIN ONE MONTH. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE. SECURING HANEDA TIME SLOTS HAS BECOME IMMEDIATE PROBLEM AND WE HAVE SUGGESTED THAT, WITHOUT ATTRIBUTION, TIA REP REMIND JCAB THAT USG IN OCTOBER TALKS REQUESTED SCHEDULED AND SUPPLEMENTAL REQUESTS FOR EXTRA SLOTS AT HANEDA BE TREATED EQUALLY. (EMBASSY NOTE REITERATING THIS POSITION (STATE 280169) WAS SENT TO MOFA 11/18.) WE HAVE ASKED THAT TIA REP KEEP US INFORMED.
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